بسم الله الرحمن الرحیم

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon Muhammad and upon the family of

مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى

Muhammad in the manner You bestowed Your special blessings upon Ibrahim and upon

اٰلِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِ

the family of Ibrahim, and honour Your favours upon Muhammad and upon the family

مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلٰى إِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَعَلٰى اٰلِ

of Muhammad in the manner You honoured Your favours upon Ibrahim and upon the family

إِبْرَاهِيْمَ فِي الْعَالَمِيْنَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مَّجِيْدٌ

of Ibrahim in all the worlds. Surely You are Praiseworthy, Glorious;

عَدَدَ خَلْقِكَ وَرِضَا نَفْسِكَ وَزِنَةَ عَرْشِكَ

equal to the amount of Your creations and to the extent of Your pleasure and the weight of Your throne

وَمِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِكَ كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَكَ الذَّاكِرُوْنَ

and the ink of Your words, whenever the remembering ones remember You

وَكُلَّمَا غَفَلَ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِ الْغَافِلُوْنَ.

and whenever the negligent are heedless to his remembrance.

﴿٢﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ أَفْضَلَ صَلٰوةٍ عَلٰى أَفْضَلِ

O Allah! Bestow the best of Your special blessings upon the best of

مَخْلُوْقَاتِكَ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ

Your creation; our master Muhammad and upon his family

وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ عَدَدَ مَعْلُوْمَاتِكَ

and his companions, and grant peace, equal to the vastness of Your knowledge

وَمِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِكَ كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَكَ الذَّاكِرُوْنَ

and the ink of Your words, whenever the remembering ones remember You

وَكُلَّمَا غَفَلَ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِ الْغَافِلُوْنَ.

and whenever the negligent are heedless to his remembrance.

﴿٣﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings upon our master Muhammad; Your servant

وَنَبِيِّكَ وَرَسُوْلِكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ

and Your prophet and Your messenger; the prophet who can neither read nor write, and upon his family

وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ عَدَدَ مَا فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا

and his companions, and grant peace, equal to the amount of what is in the skies and what is

فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَأَجْرِ لُطْفَكَ

in the world and in between them both, and let Your benevolence flow

فِيْ أُمُوْرِنَا وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ أَجْمَعِيْنَ

in all our affairs and those of all the Muslims,

يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ.

O Lord of the worlds!

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أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings upon our master Muhammad and upon his family

وَصَحْبِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ عَدَدَ مَا كَانَ وَعَدَدَ مَا يَكُوْنُ

and his companions, and grant peace equal to the amount of what was, and the amount of what is,

وَعَدَدَ مَا هُوَ كَائِنٌ فِيْ عِلْمِ اللهِ.

and the amount of that which will be,
in Allah's knowledge.

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى رُوْحِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace
upon the soul of our messenger Muhammad

فِي الْأَرْوَاحِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى جَسَدِهٖ فِي

amongst all the souls, and bestow Your special
blessings and peace upon his physique amongst

الْأَجْسَادِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى قَبْرِهٖ فِي الْقُبُوْرِ

all physiques and bestow Your special blessings
and peace upon his grave amongst all graves

وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى اسْمِهٖ فِي الْأَسْمَاءِ.

and bestow Your special blessings and peace upon
his name amongst all names.

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أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and
peace upon our master Muhammad;

صَاحِبِ الْعَلَامَةِ وَالْغَمَامَةِ.

the symbol bearer and the one shaded by the cloud.

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and
peace upon our master Muhammad;

الَّذِيْ هُوَ أَبْهٰى مِنَ الشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ

he whose being is more splendid
than the sun and moon,

وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ

and bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad equal to the amount

حَسَنَاتِ أَبِيْ بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَصَلِّ

of virtuous deeds of Abu Bakr and Umar, and bestow Your special blessings

وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ

and peace upon our master Muhammad equal to the amount of

نَبَاتِ الْأَرْضِ وَأَوْرَاقِ الشَّجَرِ .

foliage of the earth and the leaves of the trees.

﴿٨﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad;

عَبْدِكَ الَّذِيْ جَمَعْتَ بِهٖ شَتَاتَ النُّفُوْسِ

Your servant through whom You assembled the dishevelled souls,

وَنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِيْ جَلَيْتَ بِهٖ ظَلَامَ الْقُلُوْبِ

and Your prophet through whom You enlightened the darkness of the hearts

وَحَبِيْبِكَ الَّذِي اخْتَرْتَهٗ عَلٰى كُلِّ حَبِيْبٍ.

and Your beloved whom You chose over every other beloved.

﴿٩﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad

الَّذِيْ جَاءَ بِالْحَقِّ الْمُبِيْنِ وَأَرْسَلْتَهٗ

who conveyed the manifest truth and whom You sent

رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِيْنَ.

as mercy for the worlds.

﴿١٠﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad;

النَّبِيِّ الْمَلِيْحِ صَاحِبِ الْمَقَامِ الْأَعْلٰى

the handsome prophet, owner of the highest position and

وَاللِّسَانِ الْفَصِيْحِ.

the eloquent tongue.

﴿١١﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad as

يَنْبَغِيْ لِشَرَفِ نُبُوَّتِهٖ وَلِعَظِيْمِ قَدْرِهٖ

is befitting for the honour of his prophet-hood, and the degree of his great status,

الْعَظِيْمِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ

and bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad as is befitting of

حَقَّ قَدْرِهٖ وَمِقْدَارِهِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَصَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ

his status and the magnitude of his greatness, and bestow Your special blessings and peace upon

عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ الرَّسُوْلِ الْكَرِيْمِ

our master Muhammad; the messenger, the gracious,

الْمُطَاعِ الْأَمِيْنِ.

the obeyed, the trustworthy.

﴿١٢﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِنِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace upon our master Muhammad;

الْحَبِيْبِ وَعَلٰى أَبِيْهِ إِبْرَاهِيْمَ الْخَلِيْلِ

the beloved and upon his forefather Ibrahim; the friend (*of Allah*),

وَعَلٰى أَخِيْهِ مُوْسَى الْكَلِيْمِ وَعَلٰى رُوْحِ اللّٰهِ

and upon his brother Musa; the converser (*with Allah*) and upon the Spirit of Allah

عِيْسَى الْأَمِيْنِ وَعَلٰى دَاوُدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ

'Eesa; the trustworthy, and upon Dawood, and Sulayman,

وَزَكَرِيَّا وَيَحْيٰى وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِمْ كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَكَ

and Zakariyya and Yahya, and upon all their families, whenever the remembering ones

الذَّاكِرُوْنَ وَغَفَلَ عَنْ ذِكْرِهِمُ الْغَافِلُوْنَ.

remember You and whenever the negligent are heedless to their remembrance.

﴿١٣﴾

أَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى عَيْنِ الْعِنَايَةِ

O Allah! Bestow Your special blessings and peace, and honour Your favours upon the source of Divine providence,

وَزَيْنِ الْقِيَامَةِ وَكَنْزِ الْهِدَايَةِ وَطِرَازِ

the adornment of the Day of Resurrection, the treasure of guidance, the decoration

الْحُلَّةِ وَعَرُوْسِ الْمَمْلَكَةِ وَلِسَانِ

of the outfit, the groom of the kingdom, the tongue

الْحُجَّةِ وَشَفِيْعِ الْأُمَّةِ وَإِمَامِ الْحَضْرَةِ

of the evidence, the intercessor for the nation, the leader of the presence,

وَنَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰدَمَ وَنُوْحٍ

the prophet of mercy; our master Muhammad, and upon Adam and Nuh’

وَّإِبْرَاهِيْمَ الْخَلِيْلِ وَعَلٰى أَخِيْهِ مُوْسَى

and Ibrabim; the friend, and upon his brother Musa;

الْكَلِيْمِ وَعَلٰى رُوْحِ اللّٰهِ عِيْسَى الْأَمِيْنِ وَعَلٰى

the converser (with Allah), and upon the Spirit of Allah 'Eesa; the trustworthy, and upon

دَاوٗدَ وَسُلَيْمَانَ وَزَكَرِيَّا وَيَحْيٰى وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِمْ

Dawood and Sulayman and Zakariyya and Yahya and upon all their families,

كُلَّمَا ذَكَرَكَ الذَّاكِرُوْنَ وَغَفَلَ عَنْ

whenever the remembering ones remember You and whenever the negligent

ذِكْرِهِمُ الْغَافِلُوْنَ.

are heedless to their remembrance.

These thirteen *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī*, named *Miṣbāḥ al-Ẓalām fi al-Ṣalāt wa al-Salām ʿalā khayr al-Anām*, were compiled by Imām Nūr al-Dīn Al-Shūni رحمه الله in 897 AH, which were recited in the weekly gatherings of *Ṣalāt* & *Salām*, held in Al-Azhar University. Throughout his life, these gatherings spread throughout Egypt. In fact they became so widespread, that gatherings took place from Yemen to Spain: throughout the Muslim World, for the sole purpose of sending *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī.*

Imām Nūr al-Dīn Al-Shūni رحمه الله was born and raised in a village named *Shūni* in Egypt. It is also from here that these gatherings were initiated. Thereafter he started the gathering, in the school of the great

Shaykh, Sayyid Aḥmad Al-Badawi ﵀, wherein seekers would flock, on Thursday nights and Fridays, to send *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī.* Almighty Allah accepted these gatherings of his to such a degree, that they reached all the way to Al-Azhar University, wherein they also were conducted.

In the notes on Shaykh al-Shūni ﵀, it is mentioned regarding Imām Qasṭalānī ﵀:

وحثّ الناس على حضور المجلس وصار يحضر. ولـمّا شرح صحيح البخاري كان يحضر بالشرح ويضعه وسط الحلقة إلى الصباح رجاء القبول.

(«الطبقات» للشعراني، تحقيق عبد الرحمن حسن محمود)

That, Imām Qasṭalānī ﵀ would encourage people to attend the

gatherings, and he himself would attend. During the days he was writing his commentary on the *Ṣaḥīḥ* of Imām Bukhāri ﵀, he would bring his notes and paperwork, placing them in the middle of the gathering, with the intention of gaining blessings and acceptance.

For this reason I say: just as the support of Imām Qasṭalānī ﵀ emphasised and helped these gatherings grow; similarly, in regards to my spiritual mentor and guide Shaykh Zakariya ﵀, Shaykh Ilyas ﵀ would say, that if it wasn't for his support and emphasis, the scholars wouldn't have approved of the movement of *Jamāʿat al-Tabligh*.

Thereafter these gatherings from Egypt became widespread throughout the Arab world. In these gatherings, the attendees would

recite many a *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī*, as well as this collection of Shaykh al-Shūni ﷺ.

The student of Shaykh Nūr al-Dīn Al-Shūni ﷺ, Shaykh Shihāb al-Dīn Al-Balqīnī ﷺ, also gathered a commentary on this collection. Imām ʿAbd al-Wahhāb Al-Shaʿrāni ﷺ, also a fortunate student of Shaykh Nūr al-Dīn ﷺ, included this compilation in his collection of *adhkār*, which is present in *Awrād al-Tarīqah al-ʿAliyyah al-Saʿdiyyah* with minor modifications.

Within this book, Imām al-Shaʿrāni ﷺ mentions, 'My Shaykh, Nūr al-Dīn Al-Shūni ﷺ, established a series of gatherings for *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī* in Egypt, including all its rural areas; Yemen, Quds, Shām, Makkah and Madinah. He would participate himself within the

gathering of *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī* in Al-Azhar University.

Imām al-Shaʿrāni ﵀ has quoted the saying of Sayyid Aḥmad Al-Badawi ﵀, ‘At this time my age is 111 years and in 963 AH, after *Ḥajj*, when I reached *al-Masjid al-Nabawi* in *al-Madīnah al-Munawwarah*, I saw Shaykh ʿAbdullah al-Yamāni, the student of our Shaykh, establishing this gathering in *Riyāḍ al-Jannah*, and I also participated in this gathering of *Ṣalāt ʿalā al-Nabī.*

Shaykh Yusuf Motala